

### Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the first paragraph of the Summary of the Invention, page 4, lines 14-20 as shown below.

(1) A retaining-locking system for chain link fence slats is provided. The system has a plurality of fence slat elements that are sized and shaped to be interwoven between consecutive links of a chain link fence. Each of the slat elements have a first end, a second end, a front surface, a back surface, a first side edge, a second side edge and a notch. The notch is orthogonally oriented to a long axis of the slat and is located between the first and second end and extends inwardly from the ~~first side edge~~ front surface toward the ~~second side edge~~ back surface for a first predetermined distance.

Please amend the first paragraph of the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment, page 8, lines 13-20 as shown below.

(1) As illustrated in **Figures 1, 2, 2A and 4**, a retaining-locking system **10** for chain link fence slats **15** is provided. The system **10** has a plurality of fence slat elements **20** that are sized and shaped to be interwoven between consecutive links **25** of a chain link fence. Each of the slat elements **20** have a first end **30**, a second end **35**, a front surface **40**, a back surface **45**, a first side edge **50**, a second side edge **55** and a notch **60**. The notch **60** is orthogonally oriented to a long axis **65** of the slat **15** and is located between the first **30** and second **35** end and extends inwardly from the ~~first side edge~~ front surface 40 toward the ~~second side edge~~ back surface 45 for a first predetermined distance **70**.